

Senate Study Bill 1164 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SEGEBART)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the performance of educational services by
2 licensed dental hygienists.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 153.15, Code 2017, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **153.15 Dental hygienists — scope of term.**

4 1. A licensed dental hygienist may perform those services
5 which are educational, therapeutic, and preventive in nature
6 which attain or maintain optimal oral health as determined by
7 the board and may include but are not necessarily limited to
8 complete oral prophylaxis, application of preventive agents
9 to oral structures, exposure and processing of radiographs,
10 administration of medicaments prescribed by a licensed
11 dentist, obtaining and preparing nonsurgical, clinical and
12 oral diagnostic tests for interpretation by the dentist, and
13 preparation of preliminary written records of oral conditions
14 for interpretation by the dentist. Such services, except
15 educational services, shall be performed under supervision of a
16 licensed dentist and in a dental office, a public or private
17 school, public health agencies, hospitals, and the armed
18 forces, but nothing herein shall be construed to authorize a
19 dental hygienist to practice dentistry.

20 2. As used in this section, "educational services" shall be
21 limited to the following activities:

22 a. Assessing the need for, planning, implementing, and
23 evaluating oral health education programs for individual
24 patients and community groups.

25 b. Conducting workshops and in-service training sessions
26 on dental health for nurses, school personnel, institutional
27 staff, community groups, and other agencies providing
28 consultation.

29 c. Technical assistance for promotional, preventive, and
30 other services identified by the board.

31 **EXPLANATION**

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill excepts educational services from the services
35 a licensed dental hygienist is required to provide under

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1 supervision of a licensed dentist. The bill provides the
2 specific activities that qualify as "educational services".